



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of July 1 – July 15)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones cited a Chicago man for possession of two small largemouth bass.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri met with nearly 200 local Girl Scouts in Geneseo at their week-long day camp. The theme of the camp was Super Heroes, and the girls had specific questions about leadership in various professions held by women. CPO Posateri discussed the importance of communication skills in the world of public service as well as working together as a team.

CPO Posateri relayed an injured fawn to a wildlife rehabilitator. The 4-week-old deer had been caught in a fence prior to a witness setting it free. However, there was an injury to the leg of the fawn, and he was unable to walk. This was the fourth fawn the rehabilitator had this year. 2 of the 4 were returned to the field where they were found because they were uninjured

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

A 42-year-old Hanover man was arrested for boating under the influence near Galena on the Mississippi River. CPO Beltran and CPO Jones spotted the man while searching for a missing person.

CPO Jones and CPO Beltran assisted East Dubuque Fire in looking for a missing subject who fell in the Mississippi River Pool 12.

CPO Jones responded to a personal injury boat accident at Ferry Landing.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Posateri and CPO Teas were patrolling the Rock River near Dixon when they approached 2 men in kayaks for a safety inspection. Neither of them had a life jacket on board as required by law. They also failed to have a \$6 yearly paddle pass (aka water usage stamp). The paddlers were each issued a citation for the life jacket violation and written warnings for the paddle pass.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

OGLE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

ROCK ISLAND

CPO Francisko was traveling southbound on Rt. 84 near the I-80 bridge enroute to a scheduled boat patrol on the Mississippi River. The CPO observed a van on the side of the road heading northbound with a woman standing next to it. The woman appeared to be holding an infant. The CPO turned around and conducted a "motorist assist". As the CPO approached, he observed a stroller with two more small children in it. The family was in direct sunlight and sweltering heat. The young mother was in tears as she told the CPO her van quit working, and her nearest family member was an hour away. The CPO assured the woman he was going to help her and everything was going to be OK. The CPO cleaned all the equipment out of his squad and put the woman and her three children in the squad with the air conditioner on. The CPO assessed the vehicle and determined the battery went bad. Within an hour, the woman's grandfather arrived. The grandfather transported the family home and made arrangements to fix the car.

The weekend of June 30th through July 2nd was the National "Operation Dry Water" Campaign. Water patrol law enforcement officers nationwide focused on boating safety, particularly paying attention to impaired/intoxicated boat operators. CPO Francisko was on a boat patrol on Mississippi River pool #16. Multiple boat safety inspections were conducted. The last check of the night resulted in the arrest of a Geneseo IL man for OUI (Operating Under the Influence). The man and a boat load of people were returning to Sunset Marina after attending the "Blues Festival" in Davenport, IA. The man was found to have a .117 BAC (.08 or greater is illegal in IA / IL).

STEPHENSON

No activity reported for this county

WHITESIDE

No activity reported for this county

District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

BUREAU COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LASALLE COUNTY

While checking fisherman along Illinois River, CPO Wagner cited two individuals for fishing without permission.

While conducting recreational boat enforcement on the Illinois River, CPO Wagner cited individuals for insufficient PFDs, child under 13 not wearing PFD, overcapacity on jet ski. He also issued multiple warnings for small safety infractions.

While conducting department lands enforcement, CPO Wagner cited individuals for being off trails, remaining in park after posted closing time and civil cannabis violations.

CPO Finn received the disposition of two men who shot a duck and two rabbits near Lake Mendota earlier this year. Both men were found guilty of hunting by use of a vehicle, hunting from a roadway and taking ducks out of season. They were charged \$600 each and given 1 year of supervision. Both men's privilege to possess a hunting license will be suspended.

CPO Filipiak was on a boat patrol over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. At approximately midnight, an individual was screaming "AMERICA" while passing within five feet of his patrol boat. After conducting a safety compliance check and field sobriety testing, the individual was arrested for OUI. The individual provided a breath sample with a reading of .181 BAC

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser investigated fire damage to wooden seats surrounding fire pits in the youth group area of Rock Cut State Park campground. CPO Fraser was able to identify the responsible party who started the fire and

determined the fire was accidental, despite evidence showing the damage was at least reckless. The subject was cited for damage to man-made property within a State park.

CPO Fraser received a court disposition from a case where the violator was charged with possessing a stolen ATV, fleeing to elude, trespass to airport property, and other traffic charges. The subject was sentenced to 5 ½ years in prison for the charges, and the ATV will be returned to the rightful owners.

While on patrol just outside Rock Cut State Park, CPO Fraser observed a subject holding a lighter to the driver's seat headrest of an unoccupied vehicle. By the time CPO Fraser was able to get behind the parked vehicle, the interior was completely engulfed in flames. CPO Fraser immediately placed the subject into handcuffs before extinguishing the flames with the assistance of a nearby deputy who was conducting a traffic stop less than 50 yards downhill from the flaming vehicle. CPO Fraser asked the subject why he lit the car, which belonged to him, on fire. The subject stated 'because I'm an American, and I can do whatever I want.' Rockford arson investigations was called to the scene to interview the subject about a string of arsons in Rockford but declined to take the subject into custody. CPO Fraser transported the subject to jail where he was lodged on reckless conduct and illegal burning charges.

CPO Alt conducted a jon boat patrol on Pierce Lake in Rock Cut State Park over the 4th of July Holiday weekend. Fifteen watercraft safety inspections were conducted resulting in 1 citation and 23 written warnings for various boat registration/title and safety regulation violations.

CPO Alt and CPO Murry completed an 8-hour watercraft safety patrol on the Rock River. Seventeen watercraft inspections were completed resulting in 28 violations detected to include citations and summons for: insufficient wearable P.F.D.s, unlawful possession of cannabis, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession/consumption of alcohol by minors, and unlawful use and display of fraudulent or fictitious Illinois driver's license. Nineteen written warnings were issued for various watercraft equipment violations that included failure to display 12" orange flag while pulling skiers, insufficient P.F.D.s, failure to use lanyard on motorboat equipped for such use, no sounding device on motorboat, fire extinguisher not in serviceable condition on motorboat, passenger location – unlawful seating on gunwales, over bow or stern, failure to have watercraft passenger under age 13 wearing P.F.D., and exceeding capacity of watercraft.

CPO Alt and CPO Fraser completed an 8-hour watercraft safety patrol on the Rock River on the 4th of July. Seven watercraft inspections were completed resulting in CPO Alt arresting a Loves Park resident for unlawful operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and unlawful operation of a watercraft when blood or breath alcohol concentration was above the legal limit of .08 B.A.C. The investigation revealed the subject had consumed just under 3 times the legal limit of alcohol and was operating his motorboat.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Gerard and CPO Thompson arrested a Fulton County resident on a failure to appear warrant from Knox County.

CPO Thompson was conducting boat registration and safety checks at the Banner boat ramp of the Illinois River. While conducting surveillance, CPO Thompson observed a boat approaching the ramp with 6 occupants, 3 of which were youth. During the inspection, CPO Thompson identified the three youth occupants were under the age of 13 and should have been wearing life jackets (PFDs). CPO Thompson identified the operator and found he had an active warrant for his arrest for failure to appear. The man was transported to the Fulton County jail and posted bail. Two citations and a warning were issued for the boating violations.

CPO Thompson conducted boat registration and safety checks at a lake near Canton. After several inspections, CPO Thompson issued a citation and two warnings for PFD violations.

CPO Elliott and CPO Thompson responded to a complaint involving 3 stranded boaters on the Illinois River southwest of Havana. The CPOs located the vessel and its occupants on the west bank of the river stuck in the brush. After further investigation, the operator of the boat was found to have a valid warrant, be in possession of drug paraphernalia, and be under the influence of drugs or other substances. The boaters were transported to Riverfront Park in Havana where the operator subsequently failed standard field sobriety testing and was transported to Mason County jail by the Havana Police Department for processing.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Elliott attended Amtrak's RailSafe training. Participating agencies included local city and county police, Galesburg Fire Department, Amtrak, State Police, IDNR Conservation Police, U.S. Federal Air Marshalls, FBI, etc. The training consisted of general railway safety as well as active shooter and anti-terrorism threat training.

CPO Elliott checked boats and fishermen while patrolling Snake Den Hollow at Lake McMaster.

CPO Elliott patrolled Lake Story at Galesburg which resulted in 1 Citation being issued for no fishing license and 3 written warnings issued for boat Safety violations.

MARSHALL

No activity reported for this county

McDONOUGH

CPO Elliott and CPO Thompson patrolled Argyle Lake State Park for recreational boat enforcement. Two citations were issued for children under 13 not having life jackets. Written warnings were issued for various boat safety violations.

PEORIA COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Elliott patrolled Powerton Lake with CPO VanZant. The patrol resulted in 1 written warning for fishing license not in possession and 1 citation for no fishing license.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Eric Schreiber **(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)**

KANE COUNTY

CPOs Semenik and VanWiltburg cited a subject at the Carpentersville Dam for unlawful use of cast net to take sport fish.

While patrolling the Fox River in Kane county, CPO Knop encountered multiple people fishing without fishing licenses.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO VanWiltburg cited a subject for possession of an undersized largemouth bass on Nippersink Lake. The subject had three largemouth bass under nine inches and no fishing license.

CPO Vaughan issued a citation to a subject for unlawful operation of a personal watercraft after sunset.

CPO Vaughan taught boating laws to a boater safety class at the Countryside fire station in Mundelein.

CPO Vaughan and Sgt. Schreiber arrested a subject on Nippersink Lake for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol (BAC of 0.109). The subject was stopped after nearly striking the Route 12 Bridge just prior to the fireworks show. He was additionally cited for careless operation of a watercraft and no lifejackets.

CPO Vaughan and Sgt. Schreiber arrested two subjects on Nippersink Lake for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. After activating the emergency lights on their marked patrol boat, an intoxicated male shoved the intoxicated female, who was operating the boat, into the passenger seat and then proceeded to continue operating. The female subject was too intoxicated and was unable to provide an adequate breath sample. The male subject had a BAC of 0.148.

CPO Vaughan and Sgt. Schreiber issued a citation to a subject on Nippersink Lake for overloading the capacity of his personal watercraft. The subject had two people riding on a PWC (capacity 2) and was towing an additional two people during the Fourth of July weekend.

CPO Davis was notified of a personal injury boat accident involving two PWCs on Round Lake. One passenger was transported to the hospital for medical examination due to back and hip pain. Further investigation is pending.

CPOs Davis and Winters conducted a boat patrol on the Chain O' Lakes. CPO Davis arrested a subject for OUI. The operator refused to submit a breath sample.

While conducting a boat patrol on Nippersink Lake over the holiday weekend, CPO Winters and CPO Davis observed a boat in violation of the posted no wake area. The subject was arrested for unlawful operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. He registered a BAC of 0.133.

CPO Davis and CPO Kelley investigated an after the fact boat accident that occurred on Round Lake. Two PWCs collided, resulting in one passenger suffering fractures in the lumbar vertebrae. One operator was cited for improper overtaking.

Over the course of the holiday weekend, CPO Knop wrote multiple boating citations, most of which were for children under the age of 13 not wearing a life preserver while under way.

CPOs VanWiltburg and Vaughan arrested a subject on Pistakee Lake for OUI. Boat traffic was very slow, and the subject's boat happened to be the only watercraft stopped for violating a posted no wake area. The subject refused to submit to a BAC test.

CPO Vaughan issued a citation to a subject for unlawful operation of a personal watercraft after hours on Grass Lake.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Knop investigated a complaint of an individual who had five pet raccoons. Upon further investigation, it was determined the person had the raccoons for over a year and a half. While several of the raccoons were "friendly", several others were very aggressive. There were also children staying at the residence. A citation was issued, and the raccoons were taken by McHenry County animal control.

CPO Vaughan assisted McHenry County Conservation District staff with a week-long hunter safety camp that was attended by 28 students. Topics for the week included the standard material for hunter safety classes, but also included many miles of hiking, interactive games, archery and BB gun proficiency, mock blood trailing for white tail deer, first aid scenarios, and a wild game cook-out. The camp was spearheaded by staff from

MCCD education and police departments with assistance from Natural Resources Management and Lands Management. TAZ archery (Woodstock, IL) led the archery education portion.

While checking fisherman along the Fox River, CPO Winters came across 3 separate individuals with short largemouth bass, measuring 9", 11", and 13". The minimum length is 14".

While checking fisherman at the McHenry Dam, CPO Winters came across a subject with a 22 3/4" walleye. There is an 18"-24" protected slot. The subject received a citation for possession of a walleye in the protected slot.

Sgt Schreiber and CPO Davis investigated a boat incident on the Fox River. An operator came into contact with an anchored boat. A different passenger then took control of the boat and left the area. The passenger and boat were found at the marina. An investigation found the man to be OUI. He supplied a breath sample showing a concentration of .128.

CPO Davis and Sgt Schreiber arrested a subject on the Fox River for OUI. He supplied a breath sample showing a concentration of .097. The operator was also cited for expired registration.

District 3 – Sgt. Dave Wollgast **(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)**

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Farber and Sgt Wollgast conducted recreational boat patrol on the Kankakee and Des Plaines Rivers. A watercraft was observed without a stern light after sunset. The CPOs made contact with the vessel to conduct a safety inspection. The operator showed signs of impairment. The subject submitted to chemical testing and registered a .151 BAC.

While on a boat patrol of the Kankakee River, CPOs Reid and Farber observed a watercraft underway with a passenger in an unlawful location. After performing a stop on the boat, the operator exhibited indications of impairment. Field sobriety testing was conducted and the operator was subsequently arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, (OUI) and for the unlawful passenger location.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber was first on scene at an accident in Bradley/Bourbonnais. One of the subjects fled the scene on foot. CPO Farber obtained a direction of travel from a passerby. Bradley PD and Kankakee County Sheriff's Department were canvassing the area. CPO Farber spoke with a woman walking down the road. She pointed to a backyard and said the subject fled into it. CPO Farber entered the back yard. The subject jumped the fence and was immediately apprehended by a Bradley Police officer.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this count

WILL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 4 – Sgt. Jed Whitchurch **(Counties: Cook & DuPage)**

COOK COUNTY

CPO Stanbary patrolled the Des Plaines River. He inspected two watercrafts. Two boaters were issued written warnings for equipment violations.

CPO Stanbary conducted a joint boat patrol with CPO Mooi and Sgt. Whitchurch on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Six vessel inspections were completed. Two boaters were arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol during the evening patrol.

CPO Stanbary conducted a joint boat patrol with CPO Mooi on the Chicago River. Multiple boat safety inspections were completed. Two citations were issued to boaters for registration violations, and two written warnings were issued for equipment violations. Two commercial vessel inspections were also completed.

CPO Stanbary responded to William Powers SFWA after a motorist left an unattended vehicle in gear, and it drove into the Lake. The driver was cited for pollution of a waterway after fuel leaked from his sunken vehicle. A heavy-duty wrecker was called to the scene to remove the car from the lake. Illinois EPA was notified of the small fuel leak.

CPO Stanbary issued a traffic citation for improper lane usage after a motorist was observed driving down a raised median to avoid traffic congestion during heavy rush hour traffic.

CPO Mooi was conducting boat patrol on the Chicago River when he observed a boat, traveling on the south branch, operating from side to side in wide arcs. The boat was operating in a crowded channel, and the CPO boat waited at Wolf Point for the boat to approach. After a few minutes, when the boat did not appear, CPO Mooi began heading to the boat's last observed location. The boat was not immediately visible. After a short transit down river, the boat was observed attempting to dock on a pier behind a large commercial boat. The operator was contacted and after a short conversation and field sobriety testing, was determined to be operating under the influence of alcohol. The man was arrested and refused chemical testing.

CPO Mooi and CPO Klemme were patrolling Lake Michigan when they were contacted by the USCG out of Calumet Harbor about a possible intoxicated boater. The CPOs responded and observed a vessel without navigation lights. The USCG personnel and CPOs spoke with the operator of the vessel. After field sobriety testing, it was determined that the operator was under the influence of alcohol. The man was arrested and refused chemical testing.

CPO Mooi and CPO Klemme were patrolling Lake Michigan when they were contacted by the USCG out of Calumet Harbor about another possible intoxicated boater. The CPOs responded and spoke with the operator of the vessel. After field sobriety testing, it was determined that the operator was under the influence of

alcohol. The man would not cooperate with USCG personnel. The man was arrested. After approximately 2 hours, the man provided a breath sample.

CPO Mooi and CPO Thornley were patrolling the Chicago River when CPO Mooi observed a vessel, without navigation lights after sunset, traveling erratically and creating a wake in a no wake zone. CPO Thornley boarded the vessel and determined the operator to be operating under the influence of alcohol. The man was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol. The man initially submitted to a preliminary breath test and registered a .098 bac. After the observation period, the man submitted a breath sample and registered a .088 bac.

CPO Mooi and CPO Stanbary were patrolling the Chicago River when a boat was observed with a small child on board without a visible life jacket on. The operator was observed standing and chugging a beer. A stop was conducted. After speaking with the operator, CPO Stanbary conducted field sobriety testing on the operator. The operator was arrested for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. He provided a breath sample showing a BAC of .101.

CPO Mooi and CPO Klemme were patrolling Lake Michigan when they were contacted by the USCG out of Calumet Harbor about a vessel with suspected controlled substances and possible illegal firearms (loaded pistol and full ammunition box) as well as a possible intoxicated boater. The CPOs responded and spoke with the operator of the vessel. After field sobriety testing, it was determined that the operator was under the influence of alcohol. The man was arrested for operating under the influence and possession of a firearm without a FOID. The man refused chemical testing. Charges for the possible controlled substance are pending laboratory results.

CPO Mooi and CPO Stanbary were patrolling Lake Michigan after dark when a boat was observed with no visible stern light. A stop was conducted, and the operator admitted to consuming alcohol. Field sobriety tests were conducted, and the operator was arrested for operation of a watercraft under the influence. The operator provided a breath sample showing a BAC of .152.

CPO Klemme taught a hunter safety class. Topics covered were hunting, fishing and boating laws. Good interactions were made with the youth class attendees. CPO Klemme stayed after the class to speak to the attendees one-on-one.

CPO Klemme has been continuing an investigation into illegal charters on Lake Michigan. Several boats have been cited. Charges include no state registration, no passenger for hire license and operating a charter without a US Coast Guard captain's license.

CPO Thornley and CPO Stanbary stopped two dirt bikes and a four-wheeler operating unlawfully in William Powers SRA. CPO Thornley issued a citation for unlawful operation in the State area. CPO Stanbary cited the other individuals.

CPO Thornley and CPO Stanbary assisted the Chicago Police Department with an accident that occurred near the entrance to William Powers SRA.

CPO Thornley and CPO Mooi stopped a boat on the Chicago River for operating with no navigational lights. The subject was checked and determined to be operating the boat under the influence of alcohol. CPO Thornley issued the operator citations for no navigational lights when required, unlawful operation of a

watercraft under the influence of alcohol and unlawful operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol over .08.

CPO Thornley met with an individual who killed 18 geese by running them over with his vehicle on June 18 at William Powers SRA. CPO Thornley issued the subject six citations for unlawful use of conveyance to take wildlife and six citations for unlawful take of Canada geese. The subject was also issued a civil penalty of \$450 for killing the geese. The subject has a mandatory court appearance in Cook County court upcoming.

CPO Ausmus assisted CPO Mooi on a fatal boat accident that occurred on Lake Michigan. An investigation is pending at this time.

CPO Ausmus and CPO Stanbary were on patrol in William Powers State Recreational Area when they received a report of an ATV unlawfully operating in the park. CPO Ausmus contacted two ATVs, one of which fled. CPO Ausmus took the other operator back to his squad to issue a citation. The ATV operator provided a fictitious name and then fled from the CPOs back to his ATV. The suspect attempted to flee on his ATV but hit the railroad track and landed in Wolf Lake. CPO Stanbary and CPO Ausmus were able to capture the suspect and take him into custody. The suspect was charged with two class A misdemeanors - resisting arrest and obstructing identification. He was also charged with unlawful operation of an ATV in a State area and unlawful operation of an ATV along an operational railroad right-of-way. The ATV was towed from the scene.

CPO Ausmus passed a subject wading thigh deep in Wolf Lake with a case of beer chilling in the lake next to him. CPO Ausmus contacted the subject who claimed ignorance on all offenses. CPO Ausmus issued the Chicago man a citation for unlawful possession of alcohol in a restricted area and a written warning for wading in a restricted area.

CPO Ausmus observed a Burbank man fishing with too many devices at Cook County Lake. CPO Ausmus contacted the subject and informed him of the violation. When asked for a fishing license, the subject produced a 2015 fishing license. The subject was cited for fishing with too many devices and issued a warning for no fishing license.

CPO Ausmus and Sgt Whitchurch were on patrol at Cook County Lake. Sgt Whitchurch observed an orange boat near a secluded point on the lake. The CPOs contacted three subjects in small inflatable boats paddling around. None of the three subjects had PFDs or water usage stamps as required. The subjects had just purchased the boats and headed to the lake. A single citation and five written warnings were issued.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled several Chicago area harbors at Lake Michigan performing boat safety inspections. He issued 6 warnings to boaters and educated them on proper safety equipment needed for boat safety.

CPO Snodgrass observed a subject catching several bluegills at a Cook County Lake where site specific regulations only allow fifteen bluegills per angler per day. After speaking with the subject, it was found he did not possess a valid fishing license. CPO Snodgrass issued him a written warning for no valid fishing license and informed him on the fishing regulations.

CPO Snodgrass did compliance checks on several fishermen on Lake Michigan. It was found that two subjects didn't possess valid fishing licenses. The subjects were both issued written warnings for the violations.

CPO Snodgrass assisted park staff in the closing of William Powers State Park. Three subjects were found in the park after the 8:00 PM closing time. The subjects were all cited for the violations.

DuPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

COLES COUNTY

CPO Barnes arrested a Paris subject on the Embarras River for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The subject had a BAC of .140.

CPO Barnes cited a Charleston man for no fishing license at Lake Charleston.

CPO Barnes cited a subject from Dix for no fishing license at Lake Charleston.

CPO Barnes cited an Ashmore subject for possession of cannabis on the Embarras River.

CPO Mieure cited a subject from Arthur for operating a watercraft with a child under the age of 13 not wearing a lifejacket on Lake Mattoon.

CPO Mieure issued a citation to a kayaker from Charleston, on the Embarras River, for no lifejacket.

While conducting boat patrol on Lake Mattoon, CPO Mieure assisted two boat operators experiencing motor problems and towed them back to the marina.

CPO Mieure investigated a single vessel boat accident involving a man from Neoga who was transported to Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital after sustaining a back injury. The man was treated and released.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EDGAR COUNTY

Sgt McReynolds and CPO Mieure conducted a boat patrol on Twin Lakes in Paris where a boat operator from Indianapolis, IN was issued a citation for no lifejackets.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Barnes witnessed a three-car accident with multiple injuries on Rt 32 south of Sullivan. He removed a young girl who was trapped in the back seat of a damaged vehicle. CPO Barnes carried her to a safe area and waited for EMTs to arrive and treat her injuries.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes assisted two female subjects who had become lost on the Kaskaskia River while tubing. CPO Barnes located the subjects who were then safely returned to their family.

Sgt McReynolds and CPO Greuel conducted a boat patrol on the Kaskaskia River below Lake Shelbyville where a Shelbyville man was cited for operating an unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Barnes cited a Pana subject for pollution of a waterway on the Kaskaskia River.

CPO Moody cited a Strasburg man for illegal dumping after finding a truckload of his household trash dumped in a ditch near Hidden Springs State Forest.

CPO Barnes cited a Pana man for no fishing license at Lake Pana.

Sgt McReynolds and CPO Moody, on boat patrol on Lake Shelbyville, cited a Shelbyville man for possession of an undersized largemouth bass.

CPO Barnes cited a Windsor subject for possession of cannabis near Lake Mattoon.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Reeves made an arrest of a male subject from Loda, IL for driving under the influence of alcohol. The arrest occurred around 8:30 PM inside the Clinton Lake State Recreation Area near the campground. The subject was arrested and lodged at the Dewitt County jail and has a court date next month.

CPO Graden and CPO Viverito were patrolling Clinton Lake. They stopped at Valley Mill fishing area and CPO Graden conducted a fishing inspection on 3 white males. CPO Viverito deployed K9 Hank who alerted to the presence of narcotics. CPO Graden searched the vehicle and discovered a white powder like substance that later field tested positive for cocaine.

While on patrol in the Clinton Lake SRA, CPO Graden arrested a 21-year-old Bloomington, IL man on an outstanding McLean County Arrest Warrant for FTA - unlawful restraint/domestic battery. The subject was transported to the DeWitt County jail where he was lodged pending bond.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

IROQUOIS

No activity reported for this county

LIVINGSTON

No activity reported for this county

MACON COUNTY

CPO Graden and CPO Wright conducted recreational watercraft patrol on Lake Decatur. CPO Graden arrested a 34-year-old male, from Decatur, IL, for unlawful operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject submitted to an evidentiary breath test which documented his blood alcohol concentration at .204.

CPO Graden and CPO Reeves conducted boat patrol on Lake Decatur. Several written warnings were issued for miscellaneous boat registration & safety act violations. An adult male from Maroa was cited for unlawful operation of a watercraft with insufficient wearable lifejackets. Additionally, CPO Graden arrested a 70-year-old Decatur man for unlawful operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject refused to submit to an evidentiary breath sample.

McLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Reeves made an arrest of a male subject at Kickapoo State Park for driving while license suspended.

CPO Viverito pulled over a vehicle in Danville. CPOs Reeves and Wright responded to assist. CPO Viverito deployed K9 Hank who alerted to the vehicle. The vehicle and occupants were searched and contraband was found. Approximately \$1,800 dollars was seized from the occupants of the vehicle.

On Saturday 07/01/2017, Sgt Williamson was notified by Vermilion County dispatch of a possible boating accident with minor injuries and the refusal of an ambulance, however, possible assistance may be needed. After Vermilion County deputies were dispatched to the area, cell service was not available, and the exact whereabouts of the incident was unknown. Contact could not be made with the original caller. Sgt Williamson responded to the area of Kickapoo canoe rental and take out where he was approached by a male white individual who advised that he was the original caller and that all had returned safely. Several other people were with the group and overreacted to the situation and swift water. The only injury reported was a minor scalp puncture due to low hanging branches, and all medical assistance was refused. Vermilion County was notified that all subjects had returned safely and all were accounted for.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley was made aware that a man from Brainerd, Minnesota, who was originally arrested for hunting while suspended and possession of permits and license while suspended, was ordered to pay \$637 in fines and

court costs and placed on three 3 month's court supervision. The charges were amended to no valid hunting license.

CPO Wheatley arrested a Niota man for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The man was observed by CPO Wheatley operating his boat at the Dallas City boat ramp. After showing signs of impairment and failing field sobriety testing, the man was arrested, transported to Hancock County jail, processed, and released. The man has a court date in August for the mentioned offense.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPOs Goetten and French responded to a report of a capsized sailboat on the Mississippi River. One sailboat occupant made it to shore by swimming. Another occupant was stranded on the capsized sailboat. The CPOs were able to board another vessel and assist the stranded occupant to shore. Officers then assisted in retrieving the capsized boat.

CPO Goetten stopped a subject operating an ATV on property without permission. The subject lied about his identity and was arrested. The ATV owner was contacted to recover the ATV. Upon arrival, CPO Goetten recognized the ATV owner from a previous encounter where he had also lied about his identity to avoid being arrested on two arrest warrants. A new obstructing justice warrant was later issued. This subject again lied to CPO Goetten about his identity. He was arrested on the three arrest warrants and new charges of obstructing identification and driving while license suspended. Both subjects were transported to the Madison County jail.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

While conducting water safety checks on Otter Lake during the 4th of July holiday weekend, CPO Gushleff arrested a person for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol.

CPOs Weishaupt, Goetten and Gushleff attended the annual Cops and Bobbers event. This event pairs up law enforcement officers with kids to promote the sport of fishing. 100 children attended.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Gilmer was report writing in his patrol vehicle when he noticed an individual with a trap at Kickapoo Park in Lincoln. He asked the individual what he was doing with the trap in a park. He said he traps all kinds of critters in town and sets them free in the park. CPO Gilmer explained he was not allowed to do that and was also trapping out of season, did not have a trapping license or habitat stamp, and his trap wasn't tagged with a name and address, not to mention he was in possession of a live furbearing mammal out of season. CPO Gilmer took this opportunity to educate the individual there were multiple violations with what he was doing by issuing five written warnings. The offender thanked CPO Gilmer for the valuable lesson learned.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Gilmer seized hoop nets, used as turtle traps, from a farm pond. There were two dead turtles in the trap. After an investigation, he found who set the turtle traps. When CPO Gilmer went to the offender's residence, he found numerous deer antlers displayed proudly by a garage without salvage tags. There were also live pheasants in pens, and the owner did not possess a valid game breeder permit. The offender was issued citations and twenty-nine warnings and has a court date for the offenses.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Macias worked boat patrol during the 4th of July weekend on Lake Springfield checking numerous boats for safety equipment. Four citations and 4 warnings were issued.

CPO Macias spotted two individuals below the Springfield Dam carrying fishing equipment into a closed area. CPO Macias observed the subjects catching fish. Upon making contact, the subjects had caught 13 fish, which were a combination of white bass and largemouth bass. They were keeping them all on a stringer. CPO Macias checked the subjects who had no licenses and were over the limit on bass. In addition, both subjects' driver's licenses were suspended, and they admitted to driving to the location. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued. The fish were released back into the water, and the vehicle was towed by a private company.

CPO Macias was interviewed by Fox News 20 while patrolling Lake Taylorville. The reporter/cameraman went on the boat patrol with CPO Macias and an intern.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker
(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CLINTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MADISON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MONTGOMERY

No activity reported for this county

RANDOLPH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 5 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Williams was conducting a patrol of small bodies of water. At the Buckner Mine Pond, two subjects were located in a vehicle. The subjects moved frantically upon the approach of the patrol truck, and an odor of cannabis was coming from the passenger compartment. Each occupant was found to have cannabis paraphernalia. A small amount of cannabis was recovered in a one hitter pipe on the passenger. Civil citations were issued for the violations.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HARDIN COUNTY

Sgt Cariens arrested an intoxicated boater for operating under the influence of alcohol on the Ohio River near Rosiclare. The male subject refused a breath test.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SALINE COUNTY

CPOs Folden and Williams conducted watercraft enforcement on IDNR lakes in Saline County and West Frankfort New City Lake. In total, 12 vessels were found in violation of the Watercraft Safety Act. Four lifejacket citations and one registration citation were issued. In addition, written warnings were issued for fire extinguishers, sounding devices, registration, water usage stamps, and battery covers.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPOs Smith and Buhnerkempe patrolled Lake Sara and provided a security perimeter for the lake's fireworks. Afterwards, CPOs Smith and Buhnerkempe were travelling home and observed a vehicle stop in the roadway. CPO Buhnerkempe processed the driver for DUI with a BAC of .092. CPO Smith issued the passenger 1 citation for unlawful transport of open alcohol.

CPO Smith was travelling south on I-57 and observed a maroon colored mini- van swerve over the center line and almost hit his vehicle. CPO Smith passed the vehicle and observed the female driver talking on her cell phone. CPO Smith stopped the vehicle and addressed the issue with the driver. CPO Smith checked the driver's license status and found it to be suspended; along with expired registration. CPO Smith allowed the driver to contact someone to retrieve her and the vehicle instead of towing it. CPO Smith issued one citation for driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 written warning for use of cell phone while driving, and one written warning for expired registration.

FAYETTE COUNTY

A bench trial was held in Fayette County for a subject from Ramsey. He was charged with unlawfully taking a large 9-point buck in November 2016 at Ramsey Lake State Park. The subject was found guilty on 3 of the 4 charges. He was fined a total of \$1,300, and the deer rack was forfeited to the Illinois Conservation Police.

A Farina Police officer stopped a vehicle on I-57. The subject was discovered to have a firearm in his waist band. The officer was able to get the firearm from the subject, but the subject ran from the traffic stop into an adjacent cornfield. Illinois State Police was contacted and a request was made for all available units to respond. CPO Roper and CPO Smith both responded to the scene. CPO Smith responded with a department ATV to assist in the search. Both CPOs assisted ISP with the manhunt until its completion. The subject was located and arrested without any further incident.

JASPER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LAWRENCE COUNTY

While working Red Hill State Park, CPO Taylor observed a male subject fishing off a dock at the boat ramp. The subject did not have a fishing license. When the subject was checked through Illinois State Police, he came back with a failure to appear warrant out of Lawrence County. The subject was arrested and issued a citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith was working Forbes Lake and noted two fishermen who did not have their fishing license in possession. Written warnings were issued. CPO Smith also encountered 3 boats and issued warnings for the following discrepancies: unnumbered watercraft, improper registration number display, PFD violation, failing to display orange flag while towing, and battery covers.

CPO Smith and CPO Buhnerkempe were advised by Sgt Hyatt of a missing rental boat at Forbes. CPO Smith arrived at the marina and found CPO Buhnerkempe there. CPO Buhnerkempe learned there were three heavily intoxicated subjects who had just arrived at the boat launch. CPO Buhnerkempe said one of the intoxicated subjects was only 15-years-old and drunk. CPO Smith went to the vehicle where the 15-year-old subject was sitting and spoke to the owner of the vehicle. CPO Buhnerkempe stayed with the other subject and administered field sobriety tests. CPO Smith told the subject at the vehicle that he was going to check the welfare of the 15-year-old. The subject immediately became combative and told CPO Smith he needed a search warrant to enter the vehicle. CPO Smith told the subject he was not going to search the vehicle but rather check on the welfare of the intoxicated juvenile. CPO Smith told the subject several times to step aside and stand at the front of the vehicle. The subject remained defiant and would not back away. CPO Smith decided to help the subject to the front of the vehicle. The subject resisted and tried to grab CPO Smith's arms. CPO Smith assisted the subject to ground where he was placed in handcuffs. CPO Smith opened the door and got the intoxicated juvenile out and into fresh air until EMS arrived to assess his condition. The juvenile was allowed to go home with his father once cleared by medical personnel. The combative subject was taken to jail and cited for obstructing/resisting a police officer, gift of alcohol to a minor, and disorderly conduct.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Roper and CPO Smith were conducting a boat patrol on East Fork Lake when they observed a boat with no visible navigation lights after sunset. Upon conducting a stop on the boat, it was discovered the operator of the boat was intoxicated. CPO Roper arrested the boat operator for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The subject provided a breath sample which indicated a BAC of .208.

While on patrol, CPO Roper was performing safety inspections on boats at East Fork Lake. While performing a watercraft inspection, several minor violations were discovered. After running the subject thru Illinois State Police dispatch, CPO Roper discovered the subject was wanted on a warrant. CPO Roper arrested the subject and transported him to the Richland County jail.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JACKSON COUNTY

CPOs Williams, Schoenhoff, Sgt Cariens and District 16 CPOs assisted the Jackson County Sheriff's Office with the search for two missing persons possibly drowned in the Mississippi River. Conservation Police used two sonar boats to search for the persons. Illinois State Police air operations searched the shoreline.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PERRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county